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Via Electronic Dockets

Division of Dockets Management (HFA-305)
Food and Drug Administration
5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061
Rockville, MD 20852

Re: Docket No. 2004N-0230 Food; Current Good Manufacturing Practice Regulations; Public Meetings 69-FR 40312, July 2, 2004

Dear Sir or Madam:

The American Frozen Food Institute (AFFI) concurs with the request made by the Grocery Manufacturers of America (GMA) to extend the comment period for the aforementioned docket for 60 days.

AFFI is the national trade association representing frozen food manufacturers, their marketers and suppliers. AFFI's more than 500 member companies are responsible for approximately 90 percent of the frozen food processed annually in the United States, valued at more than \$60 billion. AFFI members are located throughout the country and are engaged in the manufacturing, processing, transportation, distribution, and sale of products nationally and internationally.

AFFI agrees with GMA's reasoning for the extension. The Current Good Manufacturing Practice (CGMP) revision activity is very important to the food industry and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Moreover, three important agency surveys will not be available until September 30, 2004. The literature search, survey of food safety experts and review of the causes of food recalls are critical to preparation of stakeholder input. The comment period should be extended until November 9, 2004.

Thank you for consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Leslie G. Sarasin, CAE
President and
Chief Executive Officer